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2. Repair of Barracks in Pasewalk

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1. FRENZLAU (40%), 10-11 November 1949

a. Soviet troops from the TEMPLIN area (UGI) began returning to PRENZLAU in small groups by regular trains during the first week in November 1949. Tanks and heavy weapons returned by night transport. Double MP sentries were posted 200 meters apart at both barracks during this period.

b. One installation on the east side of Reichsstrasse 109, in southern PRENZLAU, consists of nine barracks with an estimated capacity of 4,500 men. On 11 November, the complex held about 2,900, of whom some 400 were recruits. The latter were seen at infantry drill, some equipped with wooden guns. The regulars wore black shoulder straps/red piping, some with armored insignia.

c. No artillery pieces were seen. Forty JS-3 tanks were observed in the compound. Source could not determine the nature of weapons or vehicles in all of thirty-six garages.

d. The compound is crowded but new vehicle sheds have been built and vehicles B 3-66-09 to 15 were seen in one of them. Vehicle traffic: B 3-66-13 and 24 (drivers school); C 2-87-89 and C 5-81-96, carrying armored troops; E 2-36-41 to 89, E 2-37-68 to 83, some with artillery crews.

e. Another barracks, not far distant and on the west side of Reichsstrasse 109, consists of four buildings, estimated capacity about 1,800 men. Only two buildings were occupied, by about 800 troops with black shoulder straps/red piping and armored insignia, who are said to have arrived between 6 and 8 November.

f. Three vehicle sheds appeared to contain 18-20 tanks. Standing in the yard were two JS-1, one 50-85, and one M-13 rocket launcher. There was no vehicle traffic on 10 and 11 November. Workmen were repairing the two empty barracks.

G. Volkspolizei units occupy an old barracks on the Alsenstrasse and part of the airport buildings. Other airport buildings are being repaired. The field is not occupied by the SAJ. The taxi strip is intact, but earth fillings, probably caused by police training activities, were noted on the field. Volkspolizei were receiving infantry training there, their heaviest weapons being MGs. Unlicensed Studebaker trucks drove back and forth between the two police installations, which are believed to have a total strength of about 4,000 men.

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h. The PRENZLAU Kommandatura is still functioning on the Alsenstrasse as is an MVD unit on the Friedhofstrasse.

2. PASTALK (Q16), 11-12 November 1949

a. A former German barracks for horse-drawn units is located in southeast PASTALK, east of the PASTALK-PRENZLAU highway. One long rambling building, with some smaller ones, can accommodate 2,000-2,500 men. It was unoccupied on observation dates, but the main barracks is being repaired and should be ready for occupancy by mid-December. Approximately seventy men occupy one of the smaller buildings; they wear black shoulder straps/red piping without insignia. These soldiers are said to be a guard unit from PRENZLAU, who receive rations in knapsacks from the latter town. One parked vehicle was T 5-18-94.

b. Barracks stalls and barns are being converted into truck sheds. When completed, these should have a capacity of about 200 vehicles.

c. There are no other military installations in PASTALK. There is a special unit of engineer and transportation officers at the Kommandatura, but these men have no military duties; they regulate reparations traffic to STETTIN. This group uses vehicles B 31-91 and M 47-91.

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